

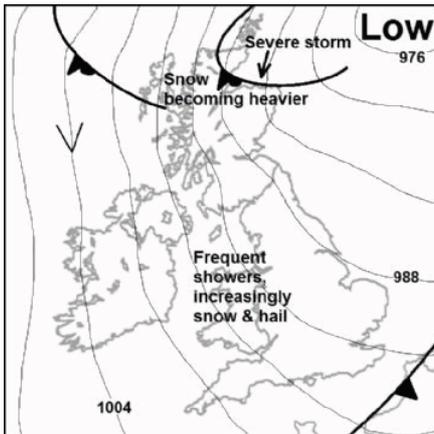
Snowdonia National Park

Includes all summits in the the northern half of Wales from Plynlimon northwards.



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General Summary for Friday, 26 November, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2021

A severe storm moves into Scotland from the north. Mountain gales strengthening to hurricane-force afternoon into evening. Snow setting in heavier in the north, falling to increasingly lower levels and spreading further south later. Frequent heavy showers for Wales with hail, risk thunder. Drier S Scotland & N England with some sun.

Headline for Snowdonia National Park

Gales or severe gales on tops. Showery, hail, increasingly snow.

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 26 November, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	West later northwesterly 40 to 55mph, then by dusk onward 60-70mph. Sudden strong gusts, particularly near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Significant wind chill and very difficult walking conditions, including sudden ferocious gusts - these reaching lower slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow and hail showers A mix of showery periods and of almost constant precipitation - progressively turning to snow, later above 500m. Snowdon range could well experience whiteout. Hail and risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Very extensive Cloud extensively shrouding the hills, the base changing quickly from 300 to 550m near precipitation, lowest near the coast. Breaks, often fleeting, to 700m, although perhaps higher mid Wales.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Rare glimpses of sun only - mainly mid Wales. Visibility often appalling or temporarily near zero, although good between showers. Changes in visibility will be rapid.
How Cold? (at 900m)	1C dropping to -1C. Wind chill near -15C.
Freezing Level	1000m dropping to 750m, then 500m overnight.

Snowdonia National Park - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 27 November	Sunday 28 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 40 to 55mph.	Northerly 20 to 30mph, risk 40mph for a time, tending to lessen.
Effect of wind on you?	Difficult conditions. Considerable buffeting on lower slopes; at times general mobility difficult on tops. Severe wind chill.	Significant wind chill. Considerable buffeting for periods on higher tops.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow; for periods constant Concentrated on Snowdon range, a mix of showers and periods of constant snow (together with blowing of snow from overnight falls). Will result in periods of whiteout. More often dry mid Wales.	Occasional snow A few showers coming in from the north, most may well stay out over the Irish Sea. Snow above about 400-500m.
Cloud on the hills?	Summits extensively covered Rapidly varying cloud bases: abruptly below 400m near precipitation but breaks to 750m occasionally higher. Southward into mid Wales, cloud rare below 600m and intermittently clearing most higher tops.	Mostly northern tops Cloud bases varied, may come and go through the day on Snowdon range and Carneddau above 800m, sometimes lower if showers occur in north Wales. Toward mid-Wales, breaks more common to higher summits.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sunshine mid Wales; little if any further north. Hazy particularly higher up due to areas of blowing snow though in mid Wales visibility often very good.	Periods of sun. Visibility very good, but poor if in snow or local blowing snow on tops.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C. Wind chill as cold as -17C.	-3C. Wind chill as cold as -15C.
Freezing Level	450 to 600m, lowest in morning.	600m. Soon frosty into valleys from sunset.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 27 November, 2021**

Very cold this weekend with northerly gales or storm-force winds. Severe wind chill conditions on higher mountains on Saturday. Easing gradually from the west into Sunday. Snow showers focused on north-facing mountains, sometimes frequent or merging to constant falls for a few hours. Areas of sunshine and clear air away from showers.

Next week, west to northwesterly winds prevail. Precipitation frequent, with further bouts of upland gales or severe gales. Temperature will vary, lifting above freezing to highest summits early in the week. Colder again by midweek, then cycles of freeze & thaw are likely into next weekend, although mountains in England & Wales only temporarily sub-zero.

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